

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action received in the above referenced application mailed on September 9, 2003. Upon entry of this amendment claims 1, and 3 – 6 are pending in the application. Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to more clearly claim the features of the present invention. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite the features of claim 2 which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable. New claims 3 to 6 have been added to claim additional features of the invention. Support for claims 3 to 6 is found in the specification and drawings, for example at page 3, lines 24 to 35. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by this amendment. Applicant has amended the Abstract as required by the Examiner. A separate sheet with a clean version of the abstract is attached.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the abstract. Applicant provides an amended abstract without the phraseology “means.”

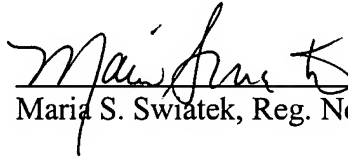
Claim Rejections under 35 USC 103

The Examiner rejects claim 1 under U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Arey in view of Christman. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include all of the features of claim 2, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and submits that the amended claim 1 is patentable in light of the cited art. New claims 3 to 6 have been added to claim additional features of the invention. As new claims 3 to 6 depend from amended claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3 to 6 are also allowable.

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Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-69361/AJT/MSS(469118-6)).

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